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Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and rank order	1980		2000	
	Cause of death	Deaths	Cause of death	Deaths
All persons				
...	All causes	1,989,841	All causes	2,403,351
1.....	Diseases of heart	761,085	Diseases of heart	710,760
2.....	Malignant neoplasms	416,509	Malignant neoplasms	553,091
3.....	Cerebrovascular diseases	170,225	Cerebrovascular diseases	167,661
4.....	Unintentional injuries	105,718	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	122,009
5.....	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	56,050	Unintentional injuries	97,900
6.....	Pneumonia and influenza	54,619	Diabetes mellitus	69,301
7.....	Diabetes mellitus	34,851	Influenza and pneumonia	65,313
8.....	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	30,583	Alzheimer's disease	49,558
9.....	Atherosclerosis	29,449	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	37,251
10.....	Suicide	26,869	Septicemia	31,224
Male				
...	All causes	1,075,078	All causes	1,177,578
1.....	Diseases of heart	405,661	Diseases of heart	344,807
2.....	Malignant neoplasms	225,948	Malignant neoplasms	286,082
3.....	Unintentional injuries	74,180	Cerebrovascular diseases	64,769
4.....	Cerebrovascular diseases	69,973	Unintentional injuries	63,817
5.....	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	38,625	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	60,004
6.....	Pneumonia and influenza	27,574	Diabetes mellitus	31,602
7.....	Suicide	20,505	Influenza and pneumonia	28,658
8.....	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	19,768	Suicide	23,618
9.....	Homicide	18,779	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	17,811
10.....	Diabetes mellitus	14,325	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	17,214
Female				
...	All causes	914,763	All causes	1,225,773
1.....	Diseases of heart	355,424	Diseases of heart	365,953
2.....	Malignant neoplasms	190,561	Malignant neoplasms	267,009
3.....	Cerebrovascular diseases	100,252	Cerebrovascular diseases	102,892
4.....	Unintentional injuries	31,538	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	62,005
5.....	Pneumonia and influenza	27,045	Diabetes mellitus	67,699
6.....	Diabetes mellitus	20,526	Influenza and pneumonia	36,655
7.....	Atherosclerosis	17,848	Alzheimer's disease	35,120
8.....	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	17,425	Unintentional injuries	34,083
9.....	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	10,815	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	19,440
10.....	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	9,815	Septicemia	17,687
White				
...	All causes	1,738,607	All causes	2,071,287
1.....	Diseases of heart	683,347	Diseases of heart	621,719
2.....	Malignant neoplasms	368,162	Malignant neoplasms	480,011
3.....	Cerebrovascular diseases	148,734	Cerebrovascular diseases	144,580
4.....	Unintentional injuries	90,122	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	112,840
5.....	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	52,375	Unintentional injuries	82,592
6.....	Pneumonia and influenza	48,369	Influenza and pneumonia	57,914
7.....	Diabetes mellitus	28,868	Diabetes mellitus	55,561
8.....	Atherosclerosis	27,069	Alzheimer's disease	46,460
9.....	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	25,240	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	29,598
10.....	Suicide	24,829	Suicide	26,475
Black				
...	All causes	233,135	All causes	285,826
1.....	Diseases of heart	72,956	Diseases of heart	77,523
2.....	Malignant neoplasms	45,037	Malignant neoplasms	61,945
3.....	Cerebrovascular diseases	20,135	Cerebrovascular diseases	19,221
4.....	Unintentional injuries	13,480	Unintentional injuries	12,277
5.....	Homicide	10,172	Diabetes mellitus	12,021
6.....	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	6,961	Homicide	7,867
7.....	Pneumonia and influenza	5,648	Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease	7,848
8.....	Diabetes mellitus	5,544	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	7,607
9.....	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	4,790	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	6,911
10.....	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, and nephrosis	3,416	Influenza and pneumonia	5,990

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	Cause of death	Deaths	Cause of death	Deaths
American Indian or Alaska Native				
...	All causes	6,923	All causes	11,363
1.....	Diseases of heart	1,494	Diseases of heart	2,417
2.....	Unintentional injuries	1,290	Malignant neoplasms	1,914
3.....	Malignant neoplasms	770	Unintentional injuries	1,353
4.....	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	410	Diabetes mellitus	616
5.....	Cerebrovascular diseases	322	Cerebrovascular diseases	572
6.....	Pneumonia and influenza	257	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	534
7.....	Homicide	217	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	429
8.....	Diabetes mellitus	210	Suicide	297
9.....	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	199	Influenza and pneumonia	289
10.....	Suicide	181	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	215
Asian or Pacific Islander				
...	All causes	11,071	All causes	34,875
1.....	Diseases of heart	3,265	Malignant neoplasms	9,221
2.....	Malignant neoplasms	2,522	Diseases of heart	9,101
3.....	Cerebrovascular diseases	1,028	Cerebrovascular diseases	3,288
4.....	Unintentional injuries	810	Unintentional injuries	1,678
5.....	Pneumonia and influenza	342	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	1,133
6.....	Suicide	249	Influenza and pneumonia	1,120
7.....	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	246	Diabetes mellitus	1,103
8.....	Diabetes mellitus	227	Suicide	616
9.....	Homicide	211	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	527
10.....	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	207	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	392
Hispanic				
...	---	---	All causes	107,254
1.....	---	---	Diseases of heart	25,819
2.....	---	---	Malignant neoplasms	21,160
3.....	---	---	Unintentional injuries	8,830
4.....	---	---	Cerebrovascular diseases	6,187
5.....	---	---	Diabetes mellitus	5,328
6.....	---	---	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	3,187
7.....	---	---	Homicide	2,917
8.....	---	---	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	2,689
9.....	---	---	Influenza and pneumonia	2,625
10.....	---	---	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	2,145
White male				
...	All causes	933,878	All causes	1,007,191
1.....	Diseases of heart	364,679	Diseases of heart	301,551
2.....	Malignant neoplasms	198,188	Malignant neoplasms	247,403
3.....	Unintentional injuries	62,963	Cerebrovascular diseases	54,938
4.....	Cerebrovascular diseases	60,095	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	54,816
5.....	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	35,977	Unintentional injuries	53,329
6.....	Pneumonia and influenza	23,810	Diabetes mellitus	26,009
7.....	Suicide	18,901	Influenza and pneumonia	25,002
8.....	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	16,407	Suicide	21,293
9.....	Diabetes mellitus	12,125	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	15,002
10.....	Atherosclerosis	10,543	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	14,385
Black male				
...	All causes	130,138	All causes	145,184
1.....	Diseases of heart	37,877	Diseases of heart	36,740
2.....	Malignant neoplasms	25,861	Malignant neoplasms	32,817
3.....	Unintentional injuries	9,701	Unintentional injuries	8,531
4.....	Cerebrovascular diseases	9,194	Cerebrovascular diseases	8,026
5.....	Homicide	8,274	Homicide	6,482
6.....	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	3,869	Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease	5,400
7.....	Pneumonia and influenza	3,386	Diabetes mellitus	4,771
8.....	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	3,020	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	4,238
9.....	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	2,429	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	3,074
10.....	Diabetes mellitus	2,010	Influenza and pneumonia	2,915

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	Cause of death	Deaths	Cause of death	Deaths
American Indian or Alaska Native male				
...	All causes	4,193	All causes	6,185
1.	Unintentional injuries	946	Diseases of heart	1,341
2.	Diseases of heart	917	Malignant neoplasms	997
3.	Malignant neoplasms	408	Unintentional injuries	900
4.	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	239	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	298
5.	Cerebrovascular diseases	163	Diabetes mellitus	275
6.	Homicide	162	Cerebrovascular diseases	250
7.	Pneumonia and influenza	148	Suicide	237
8.	Suicide	147	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	228
9.	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	107	Homicide	159
10.	Diabetes mellitus	86	Influenza and pneumonia	149
Asian or Pacific Islander male				
...	All causes	6,809	All causes	19,018
1.	Diseases of heart	2,174	Diseases of heart	5,175
2.	Malignant neoplasms	1,485	Malignant neoplasms	4,865
3.	Unintentional injuries	556	Cerebrovascular diseases	1,555
4.	Cerebrovascular diseases	521	Unintentional injuries	1,057
5.	Pneumonia and influenza	227	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	722
6.	Suicide	159	Influenza and pneumonia	592
7.	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	158	Diabetes mellitus	547
8.	Homicide	151	Suicide	452
9.	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	128	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	254
9.	Homicide	254
10.	Diabetes mellitus	103
Hispanic male				
...	---	---	All causes	60,172
1.	---	---	Diseases of heart	13,566
2.	---	---	Malignant neoplasms	11,138
3.	---	---	Unintentional injuries	6,696
4.	---	---	Cerebrovascular diseases	2,865
5.	---	---	Diabetes mellitus	2,507
6.	---	---	Homicide	2,431
7.	---	---	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	2,312
8.	---	---	Suicide	1,525
9.	---	---	Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease	1,493
10.	---	---	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	1,451
White female				
...	All causes	804,729	All causes	1,064,096
1.	Diseases of heart	318,668	Diseases of heart	320,168
2.	Malignant neoplasms	169,974	Malignant neoplasms	232,608
3.	Cerebrovascular diseases	88,639	Cerebrovascular diseases	89,642
4.	Unintentional injuries	27,159	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	58,024
5.	Pneumonia and influenza	24,559	Alzheimer's disease	32,936
6.	Diabetes mellitus	16,743	Influenza and pneumonia	32,912
7.	Atherosclerosis	16,526	Diabetes mellitus	29,552
8.	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	16,398	Unintentional injuries	29,263
9.	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	8,833	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	15,213
10.	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	6,512	Septicemia	14,088
Black female				
...	All causes	102,997	All causes	140,642
1.	Diseases of heart	35,079	Diseases of heart	40,783
2.	Malignant neoplasms	19,176	Malignant neoplasms	29,128
3.	Cerebrovascular diseases	10,941	Cerebrovascular diseases	11,195
4.	Unintentional injuries	3,779	Diabetes mellitus	7,250
5.	Diabetes mellitus	3,534	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	3,837
6.	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	3,092	Unintentional injuries	3,746
7.	Pneumonia and influenza	2,262	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	3,369
8.	Homicide	1,898	Septicemia	3,341
9.	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	1,770	Influenza and pneumonia	3,075
10.	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, and nephrosis	1,722	Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease	2,448

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	Cause of death	Deaths	Cause of death	Deaths
American Indian or Alaska Native female				
...	All causes	2,730	All causes	5,178
1.	Diseases of heart	577	Diseases of heart	1,076
2.	Malignant neoplasms	362	Malignant neoplasms	917
3.	Unintentional injuries	344	Unintentional injuries	453
4.	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	171	Diabetes mellitus	341
5.	Cerebrovascular diseases	159	Cerebrovascular diseases	322
6.	Diabetes mellitus	124	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	236
7.	Pneumonia and influenza	109	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	201
8.	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	92	Influenza and pneumonia	140
9.	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, and nephrosis	56	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	117
10.	Homicide	55	Septicemia	88
Asian or Pacific Islander female				
...	All causes	4,262	All causes	15,857
1.	Diseases of heart	1,091	Malignant neoplasms	4,356
2.	Malignant neoplasms	1,037	Diseases of heart	3,926
3.	Cerebrovascular diseases	507	Cerebrovascular diseases	1,733
4.	Unintentional injuries	254	Unintentional injuries	621
5.	Diabetes mellitus	124	Diabetes mellitus	556
6.	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	118	Influenza and pneumonia	528
7.	Pneumonia and influenza	115	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	411
8.	Congenital anomalies	104	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	273
9.	Suicide	90	Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease	179
10.	Homicide	60	Septicemia	170
Hispanic female				
...	---	---	All causes	47,082
1.	---	---	Diseases of heart	12,253
2.	---	---	Malignant neoplasms	10,022
3.	---	---	Cerebrovascular diseases	3,322
4.	---	---	Diabetes mellitus	2,821
5.	---	---	Unintentional injuries	2,134
6.	---	---	Influenza and pneumonia	1,322
7.	---	---	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	1,238
8.	---	---	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	951
9.	---	---	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	875
10.	---	---	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	841

... Category not applicable.

--- Data not available.

NOTES: Cause of death code numbers are based on the *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision* (ICD-9) in 1980 and ICD-10 in 2000. See Appendix II, tables IV and V.

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System; *Vital statistics of the United States, vol II, mortality, part A*, 1980. Washington: Public Health Service. 1985; Anderson RN. Deaths: Leading causes for 2000. National vital statistics reports. vol 50 no 16. Hyattsville, Maryland: National Center for Health Statistics. 2002.